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APRIL SHOWERS BRING MAY FLOWERS

As the deadline nears for this article, it couldn't be wetter, grayer, muddier or messier. Most yards are strewn with broken limbs and branches, sand, salt and asphalt that was plowed up from the streets or driveways, and the rest of the thousands of pine cones that Mother Nature gave us last fall. (The pine cones are mainly from those big Eastern White Pines we're famous for, mentioned in "The Four-Ox Bog" story in the last issue.)

If it's sunny and beautiful and your lawn is clean by the time you read this, it means someone has been working very hard at your house. You can feel very satisfied when you think what it was like three weeks ago.

The cruel winter left us with some really basic things to do. You may be one of the homeowners who have been affected by the major tree cutting and pruning being done by the utility company in the last few weeks. It will be a long time before we see this amount of large severed tree trunks on people's lawns again; starkly bare stumps that were not cut level with the ground; and standing trees with big, raw wounds where major limbs were cut off. All, of course, in the name of preventing damage to the utility wires running beneath them. On top of that, the powerful winds of winter ripped off other limbs, large and small – leaving a crop of conspicuous scars.

Wound dressings are now a No-No. Many of us grew up believing that tree wounds needed "wound dressings" such as tar, asphalt, or paint to insure against insect or fungal invasion. Today that is viewed as a myth. Google in the words "tree wound dressings." Every reference, one after the other, warns against using the above, explaining how woody plants have the ability to heal themselves with a "callus" that grows from the outside in. Petroleum based products work against this process, sometimes causing the very thing they are supposed to guard against. Scientists and their studies have railed against the myth since the 1970s, but myths are hard to kill.

Good pruning practices are a much better way to help trees heal. As one expert said, "It's just as easy to do it right as to do it wrong." There are so many fine tips and pictures on the internet that it's worth ten minutes to look at one before charging outdoors with your tools. One thing this writer just learned, after way too many years of not knowing: a tree branch has a "branch collar" – the swollen area where the branch meets the trunk. You don't want to cut off the

branch collar, cutting flush with the tree trunk "for neatness." The branch collar contains chemicals that speed the formation of callus tissue that seals the wound.

Quoting from the *Better Homes and Gardens* site www.bhg.com, larger branches are best removed in three steps:

1. Make a shallow cut on the underside of the branch, about 4-5 inches from the trunk.
2. Cut the branch off about 2-3 inches further out from the first cut. When the weight of the branch causes it to fall, the first cut stops the bark from peeling down the side of the trunk.
3. Make the final cut, removing the remaining stub. Make this cut just outside the branch collar, the slightly swollen area where the branch and trunk are joined together.

Going on into cutting smaller branches and bushes gets us into more tips. It's worth checking the websites for them. They're so simply written and illustrated. And now, at the beginning of May, there is still a short window before bushes and trees plunge into their new spring growth. Once that starts, it's best to wait until cold weather to do serious pruning again.

Meanwhile, we feel spring and want to do something to get some color around us! Other than watching the flowering of spring bulbs that somebody planted last fall, bless their hearts, we have to grit our teeth and wait until the last frost, toward the end of the month. There is one flower that New Englanders can buy, in bloom at the nurseries, and put in the ground this early. That is the dear little pansies, those velvety, smiling little "faces" that are so hardy they can stand the harsh cold of early spring, and even be one of the last things to die off in the fall.

Linda Rousseau



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'Lola'

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Town of Brentwood
www.brentwoodnh.gov

TOWN CLERK and TAX COLLECTOR

Phone: 642-6400 ext 14
Mon., Wed., Thurs. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday 8:30 am - 7 pm
Friday 8:30 am - 4 pm

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Phone: 642-6400 ext 10 Fax: 642-6310
Monday–Thursday 8 am - 4 pm

PLANNING BOARD ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Phone: 642-6400 ext 16
Monday-Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Planning Board meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday
of the month at 7 pm

BRENTWOOD POLICE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 642-8817

BRENTWOOD FIRE

Emergency: 911
Non-emergency: 642-8132

MARY E. BARTLETT LIBRARY

Phone: 642-3355
E-mail: bartlettlibrary@comcast.net
www.brentwoodlibrary.org

Monday 2-7 pm
Tues. & Weds. 9 am - 5 pm
Thursday 9 am - 7 pm
Friday & Saturday 9 am - 1 pm
Story Hours
Tuesday and Wednesday 10:30 am
1st and 3rd Tuesdays 2 pm

SWASEY CENTRAL SCHOOL

Phone: 642-3487
Swasey on the Web: scs.sau16.org
SAU 16 on the Web: www.sau16.org

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

Submissions for the following month must be
received by the 15th. Send your news to
Email: brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com
Mail: 102 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH 03833

Recycling Pickup Dates

May 1 & 2 May 15 & 16 May 29 & 30

Waste Tonnage Figures

	February	March
Tons, mixed solid waste	83.04	109.76
Tons, recycled goods	29.52 (26.2%)	25.97 (19.1%)

The Select Board Spring and Summer Meeting Schedule (April through August)

The board will hold full meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Meetings will be held at 4:00 pm on the second and fourth/fifth Tuesdays and will be administrative only, no agenda items will be presented. The public is always welcome. If you would like to be added to the official agenda, please contact Karen Clement by the Monday before a meeting. All Brentwood residents are welcome to speak to the board with their business.

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

Town Clerk Notes

- The Town Clerk's office will be closed on **May 16th** for a Town Clerk workshop and on **May 28th** for Memorial Day!
- We only accept **CASH OR CHECKS**. When registering your car in May, please bring **TWO** checks, one for the state and one for the town.
*****Starting June 1st**, we will be accepting cash and ONE check (made out to the Town of Brentwood) that will cover both your state and town registration fees. Coming soon – credit card payments!!!
- When transferring your plates, please bring in your old registration to return to the state. A copy will cost \$17.50.
- We are able to register BOATS, OHRV, Snowmobiles and provide hunting/fishing licenses.
- PLEASE get your dogs registered! All current (green) dog licenses expired **April 30th**. Late fines begin May 1, 2018.
- Did you know that you can pay for your vehicle, trailer, or dog registrations online? You can even pay your property taxes online! Visit brentwoodnh.gov and select the Town Clerk/Tax Collector tab.

Daphne Woss, Brentwood Town Clerk/Tax Collector

Thank You to the April Newsletter Crew

Thank You to all of the volunteers who came to help with folding and stamping of the April edition. Phyllis, Carol, Jonathan, Doug, Deb, Laurel, David, Joe, Al, and Kris. We couldn't do it without you.

If you can help the *Newsletter* crew by forming a group of 6 to 8 volunteers to fold, seal and label one month, please contact Robin or Michelle at brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

Business Advertising

Half and full-page business write-ups are available for purchase in the *Brentwood Newsletter*. The cost is \$100 for a half-page submission and \$200 for a full-page submission. Business articles may include one photograph. If you would like to submit a write-up telling our readers about your business, please forward to brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com. Checks should be made out to *Brentwood Newsletter* and mailed to The Brentwood Newsletter c/o 102 Middle Road, Brentwood NH 03833.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have an important milestone you'd like included in the *Brentwood Newsletter*? A marriage, birth, university graduation or milestone anniversary? Please send your announcements – and photos – to brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church - Brentwood, 201 North Road

The First Baptist Church will host a Spring Craft Fair, Bake Sale and Perennial Plant Sale at the Church on Saturday, **May 19th** from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm.

A few vendor spaces are still available, both inside and outside the church. Please contact Cheryl at 603-364-5834 for more information and to reserve a spot.

Pilgrim United Church of Christ, 197 Middle Road (Rte. 111A)

The congregation of Pilgrim United Church of Christ warmly invites you to a Service of Installation for Reverend Tara K. Olsen Allen as Pastor and Teacher on Sunday, **May 6**, at 3:00 pm. A reception will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Grace Ministries International, 263 Route 125

"Spring into the New You"

Grace Ministries International is hosting a special Guest Speaker, Pastor Lynn Lucas of East Northport, NY. Everyone is welcome to attend Friday, **May 11th @ 7:00 pm**. On Saturday, **May 12th**, we will hold a Women's Brunch starting @ 11:00 am, and Pastor Lynn will be our Guest Speaker at our weekly Sunday Service, **May 13th** beginning at 10:00 am. All are welcome.

Austin17House Hosting a Meet & Greet Car Show, 263 Route 125

Saturday, **May 19th**, 11 am to 3 pm. Rain date Sunday, May 20th 12 - 4 pm. Suggested donation \$5 per person. Pre-register at www.austin17house.org. or call 603-686-9505 for more info. All vehicles welcome.

Memorial Day of Remembrance

Monday, **May 28**, there will be a Memorial Day ceremony at Tonry Cemetery on Middle Road at 8:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend, rain or shine.

From the Animal Control Officer

Brentwood's annual Rabies Clinic was held on Sat. 4/14. A big Thank You to the Fire Dept. for hosting this event, to the Town Clerk for participating and providing dog licenses, to veterinarian Dr. David Smiley from Auburn, and to my neighboring ACO's from Fremont and Hampstead.

Please make sure that you register your dog(s) as soon as possible (due April 30th) before fines are imposed.

Brentwood Fire Department News

Now that it is the time of year where we must be careful with wildfire danger, please take a minute to look over the New Hampshire laws to keep the community and forest safe.

All outdoor burning requires a Burn Permit from the Brentwood Fire Dept. unless the ground is covered in snow by a 100' radius of the burn pile. There are three different permit categories.

Category I is a small controlled fire, such as a camp or cooking fire. This category fire must be contained in a fire resistive material ring of no greater than 2' in diameter. It also must be 25' away from any combustible structure. This category can kindle any time of day.

Category II is a controlled fire such as a camp or cooking fire. This category cannot be greater than 4' in diameter and must be 50' from a combustible structure. This category can only be kindled between the hours of 5:00 pm and 9:00 am the next morning. These are not allowed during the daytime unless there is a steady rainfall. Category fires I & II permits are good for the calendar year and must be renewed January 1 of every year.

Category III is any other fire or a "Brush Fire." These fires are 4' or greater in diameter or do not have a noncombustible ring around them. These brush piles need to be 50' away from a structure. You can kindle these fires between 5:00 pm and 9:00 am the next day. You MUST obtain a permit every time these fires are kindled.

Some other laws to consider: there shall be no burning of stumps or any brush larger than 4" in diameter. Cardboard, leaves and pine needles are also not allowed to be kindled. Only natural combustible materials can be kindled. Fires shall always be supervised by a responsible adult and must have a means of extinguishment nearby. Another thing to consider is the small fire rings bought at the store still need a category I or II permit. These laws were put into place to decrease the risk of a forest fire. If you have any questions, please call the Brentwood Fire station seven days a week between the hours of 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, 603-642-8132.

Brentwood Fire Deptment

Brentwood Police Department News

The Fourth Annual Officer Stephen Arkell Community 5K

The annual race is scheduled for **Saturday, May 12, 2018**. There may be minor traffic delays between 10:00 am - noon. Route 125 to Middle Road eastbound motorists please seek alternate routes. Motorists traveling westbound on Middle Road will be detoured to Prescott Road.

The race starts at 10:00 am with the starting line at Swasey Central School, 335 Middle Road, Brentwood, NH. The deadline for online registrations is **Friday, May 11, 2018, noon**. For ticket information or to make a donation, please visit <https://officerarkell5k.org/>.

All proceeds benefit the Stephen Arkell Memorial Scholarship Fund. Applicants must reside in the Exeter school district and must demonstrate the same sense of community, volunteerism and love of athletics that Stephen possessed.

Brentwood Democratic Committee

Democratic 1st District U.S. House candidate, Mark MacKenzie, former president of the NH AFL-CIO and a current NH State Representative, will be speaking and answering questions at the next Brentwood Dems meeting **May 7th**, 7:00 pm, at 52 Stevens Drive. There will also be discussion regarding the campaign of our State Senate candidate, Jon Morgan, and the campaign of Liz McConnell for Brentwood's State Representative. Please join us as we work to make the state legislature responsive to our own town and community.

Public Access for Brentwood

Have you ever wanted to attend a public meeting in town to hear firsthand what's happening around you, but were unable due to work or family obligations? Are you interested in public access to these meetings via the internet?

A study group has come together to investigate the plausibility of having all Selectboard public meetings available in some format for Brentwood residents to access the proceedings anytime - anywhere.

Please contact Peter Foster: peterandrebeccafoster@gmail.com or call 603-512-9531 with any questions or to sign up to participate.

May Happenings at YOUR Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Did you know the library has museum passes for Boston's Museum of Fine Arts? (as well as 12 other museums & many New Hampshire State Parks!) – Visit the M.C. Escher: Infinite Dimensions exhibit through May 28th. Reserve passes online at brentwoodlibrary.org, call 642-3355, or come by the library.

LINE DANCING: Wednesday, **May 2nd**, 4:15-5 pm, Intermediate/Advanced Adult Line Dancing. Please call 642-3355 to sign up.

LEARN TO PAINT: Saturday, **May 5th**, noon-2 pm. Artist Lou O'Keefe will teach you how to paint a beautiful spring picture (Ages 12 & up). Please call 642-3355 to sign up.

WANT TO LEARN TO LINE DANCE? Monday, **May 7th**, 4:30-5:15 pm, Beginner Adult Line Dancing. Please call 642-3355 to sign up.

MAKE YOUR MOM SOMETHING SPECIAL: Thursday, **May 10th**, 4-7 pm. Mother's Day gift/card combo craft. All ages are welcome and stations will be set up for various levels of crafting.

Saturday, **May 19th**, 9-1 pm, the Friends are having their annual **PLANT, BAKE, AND BOOK** sale. Enjoy a fun-filled day, while supporting the library.

Saturday, **May 26th**, 10-Noon. **MAKE-UP MAGIC.** Learn how to enhance your natural beauty with make-up tips (Ages 12 & up).

Kathy Sperounis, Library Director

Friends of the Mary E. Bartlett Library

The Friends' Annual Book & Bake Sale, will be held together with the Brentwood Gardeners Annual Plant Sale. This event will be held Saturday, **May 19th** from 9 am to Noon. This is the only date in May that the Basement Bookstore will be open. Come fill a bag with books and fill your bellies with baked goods. This is always a fun morning to meet neighbors, get your gardens started, enjoy sweet treats and find some interesting literature. The Basement Bookstore has books in all genres, for all ages.

Coming soon: the **Friends' Annual Membership Drive Letter**. This is our primary source of fundraising, which enables us to pay for museum passes, programs and supplemental materials not covered by the library budget. Please consider accessing your company's matching corporate sponsorship to supplement your donation. We're excited about this year's fundraising goals and think you will be too! You don't have to wait for the letter to make your tax-deductible donation. There are donation envelopes at the library's checkout counter and a PayPal button on the Friends' page of the library's website: <http://brentwoodlibrary.org/friends>. You can also donate from the Friends' Facebook page: www.facebook.com/FriendsofMEBLibrary.

Last year, the Friends started offering the NH State Park Pass. With an annual fee of \$110, this pass enables patrons to access free admission for 2 adults and 2 children to 70 State Parks, such as Kingston and Pawtuckaway State Parks. (Some exclusions apply, such as Wallis Sands and metered parking at Jenness Beach.)

The Friends will be accepting nominations for Board positions, due by our next meeting on **May 14th**. Positions include President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and 3 Members at Large to help lead activities and events. If you are interested in one of these positions, please join us on **May 14** at 6:30 pm or email Lenore at friends@friendsofmeblibrary.org. Positions will be voted on at our June meeting.

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be Monday, **May 14** at 6:30 pm. If it's easier for you to attend a daytime meeting, we will hold our last meeting until fall on Wednesday, **June 13** at 12:30 pm. If you're looking for a valuable way to give back to your community, come check us out.

Jessica Paul, Secretary for Friends of the Library

Brentwood Conservation Commission

The Brentwood Historical Society hosted a fantastic evening on April 12th on the History of Conservation in Brentwood. We were treated to a walk back in time as Doug Cowie led a conversation about the incredible conservation efforts that have occurred in town over the past few decades. The evening was the brainchild of Linda Rousseau.

Doug started off the evening with a lot of facts about conservation and explained what was meant by conservation easements. He pointed out that the town first established the Conservation Commission in 1967 and some of its initial members and Selectmen at the time were in attendance, including Betty and Bruce Stevens. Doug explained that a conservation easement is a legally binding agreement between a

landowner and an eligible conservation organization or agency that permanently restricts future development of a property. He emphasized that you still own the land, but that you have extinguished the right to do any future development. In simple terms, you can still do agriculture or cut wood, but you can't build houses. An easement can be held by many different organizations such as the Southeast Land Trust of New Hampshire (SELT), the Rockingham County Conservation District (RCCD), the Society for the Protection of NH Forests (SPNHF), or the town itself.

The conversation turned to trash – literally! Doug took us through the history of waste disposal in town, from when you had to take it yourself to the Kingston dump, to forming alliances with other towns, to the present-day trash pick-up. Who knew trash talk could be so interesting!

We were extremely fortunate to have many residents in the room who themselves had put conservation easements on their lands. Emily Schmalzer recounted the history of the land that she and Victor bought in the 1970s. They acquired several other adjacent properties over the years culminating in the beautiful viewscape we all appreciate on Middle Road. Victor and Emily donated some easements and took advantage of grants that paid them for others.

Next we heard from Joanie Pratt, the former owner, along with her husband Charlie, of Apple Annie. Also in the room were Wayne and Laurie Loosigian, the current owners of Apple Annie. Joanie and Charlie were visionaries about protecting the properties along Rowell Road and especially the Exeter River. They too acquired several adjacent properties and placed conservation easements on them over the years to protect them for future generations to enjoy. Joanie reminisced how Charlie went door-to-door to all their neighbors to convince them of how important it was to protect the river and was extremely successful. There is now a huge contiguous block of protected land along the Exeter River. Joanie and Charlie's passion and commitment to protecting open space in town will never be forgotten.

Jeff and Kate Donald took the floor next and talked about their experience acquiring the Lyford's Creamery Brook Farm following Lawrence's death. As young farmers, they had been looking for a farm to own that they could invest their sweat and money into, but prices on the Seacoast made most properties unaffordable – until a call from SELT told them of the opportunity with the Lyfords. Working with SELT and the Conservation Commission, and a lot of patience from the Lyfords, a strategic transaction was implemented whereby a grant from a USDA program and funds from the town's open space bond purchased a conservation easement from the Lyfords who then immediately

sold the property with the easement to the Donalds. This allowed the Lyfords to get full value for their land and provided an affordable option for the Donalds to get the farm of their dreams. The town benefited as well by preserving a working farm, which strengthens the local food supply and protects the land for future generations.

Jeff, Chair of the Conservation Commission, went on to explain conservation easements provide many benefits: they protect our water supply by providing buffers to clean the water before it enters the streams and rivers, they provide critical habitat to wildlife, they protect the landscape and views that make Brentwood special, and they also help to keep our taxes from going up. There is data that taxes from new houses and developments do not fully cover the incremental cost to the town over time. These studies show that purchasing a conservation easement is a better option for towns in the long run than developments. The real evidence is all around us as the town requires larger fire stations, expansions to schools, new police stations, larger highway sheds, more full-time employees and ever-expanding networks of roads to maintain and pave. The Conservation Commission is always available to help residents who are interested in protecting their land.

Last but certainly not least was Dick Chamberlain on behalf of the Pilgrim Church. Pilgrim Church was part of a block grant of over 1 million dollars that protected the Church land, the Dodge's adjacent parcel, and two other properties in town. Dick explained how SELT helped guide them through the process and applications. The Church received over \$400,000, which will be critical to help maintain the historic building for future generations.

There are so many other fantastic stories of the people in town caring so much and having the foresight to protect their lands forever. Their actions will not only protect the resources in Brentwood, but all the way to the Great Bay! Many thanks to Linda, Doug and the Historical Society for this great evening.

Respectfully submitted by Rob Wofchuck, Conservation Commission

Doug Cowie, second from left, speaker for "The Conservation Story in Brentwood," mentioned several residents or groups who had made especially significant contributions to the town's land conservation efforts. From left: Betty Stevens, representing the Stevens family; Doug Cowie; Dick Chamberlain, representing the Pilgrim Church UCC, Brentwood-Kingston; Joan Pratt, representing Apple Annie; Jeff and Kate Donald, representing Stout Oak Farm; and Emily Schmalzer, representing the Schmalzer family, Willow Pond Community Farm, and adjacent lands.



Brentwood Historical Society

Thanks to presenters Doug Cowie, Dick Chamberlain, and Jeff Donald, the April 12 program on the complete history of conservation efforts in Brentwood was a big success. There were questions about current conservation efforts, and attendees were encouraged to contact the Conservation Commission if they have an interest in serving on the commission. With the help of two visual aids, the audience was able to view the current status of all Brentwood property currently in easements.

The next program on the calendar is **Thursday, June 14** at 7:00 pm. Richard Kruppa, known as "Ramblin' Richard," will entertain the audience with a selection of songs from World War I and the stories behind them. He is a resident of Exeter, and a retired professor from Bowling Green University in Ohio.

The appraisal day program originally scheduled for June has been postponed to the fall. No date has been set.

Our annual membership drive is underway. Memberships are \$10 for an individual and just \$15 for a family. Membership fees support the work of the Society – offering programs of local interest, caring for and preserving artifacts in the collection, and providing genealogical and historical property research assistance to individuals.

We have had a number of inquiries about purchasing a copy of *Brentwood Through the Years* and are letting people know a second printing is in the works for the summer. If you would like to reserve a copy and be notified when it is available, please contact me via email at president@brentwoodnhhistory.org and I will add your name to the list.

Rebecca Dunham for the Brentwood Historical Society

Gardeners' Big Plant Sale Saturday, May 19

Plants Needed and Welcomed

The Brentwood Gardeners will hold their annual Plant Sale on Saturday, **May 19**, from 9 am to Noon or sellout. It will take place in the amphitheater area of the Mary E. Bartlett Library, 22 Dalton Road. Immediately inside the building will be the Book and Bake Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Brentwood area residents and friends are invited and welcome to donate extra plants from their gardens to the sale. They may be bare-root (in baggies) or in pots – with a note, please, saying what they are, what color, and whether for shade or sun. Plants may be dropped off between now and May 14 at the home of Gladys Ray, 106 Exeter Road (Rte. 111), Kingston – phone 778-9424.

The Gardeners are receiving not only perennial plants, annuals and vegetables from local gardens and nurseries, but also houseplants, "garden flea market" items and crafts. All proceeds from the sale help the Gardeners maintain the community garden areas of Brentwood. For more information about the Plant Sale, contact Gladys Ray at gmrdesigns@comcast.net or 778-9424.

Linda Rousseau

Cub Scouts Pack 192

The Cub Scouts are ready to get outside! In April the pack assisted with the town-wide Earth Day roadside clean up. This is one of the many community service projects Cub Scouts participate in. They learn about keeping the planet clean and community service.

A special Thanks to Revision Energy, Highland Hardwoods, and Grace Ministries for their donations to the pack this year! We were able to purchase new pack "class B" shirts and fund scholarships for summer camp!

Come and say hi at the Stephen Arkell 5k where we will be selling baked goods, snacks, and coffee. 100% of the sales go to the Arkell Scholarship fund.

Amy Brown for Pack 192



Scouts getting ready to say the Pledge at Town Meeting. Back row, left to right: Quinn Currier, Zachary Sprague, Johnathan Adams, Austin Walker, Carter Brown, and Jacob Filomeno. Front row, left to right: Jake Litchfield, Nate Brown, James Mason, Jackson Cole, Liam Duffy, and Nathaniel McCary.

Brentwood Parent Faculty Group

Thank You to our sponsors for Bingo Night – The Beach Plum, Joe's Meat Shoppe, The Plymouth House, Life is Good, Diamond Paving, and Lindt. Thank you to Annette & Rob Bergin for your donation of paper products! And Thank You to Sheila Lane and Pippi McNally for their help calling the numbers. We could not put on events like these without the support of our generous community and the help of our teachers and volunteers!

Spring hanging baskets from Wentworth Gardens will be available for purchase soon! These baskets are full of season-long color and make great additions to your outdoor home décor. Watch for more details and an order form in your child's Wednesday folder. Don't have a child at Swasey? You can still order. Email swasey.pfg@gmail.com and we will send you an order form!

The PFG will be hosting our annual Year End Celebration on **June 8th** after school. More information will be available soon!

Box Tops collection boxes are out at SCS, Mary E. Bartlett Library and the Town Hall. Each box top earns our school \$0.10, so please send those box tops in, it really does add up!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **May 15th** at 6:30 pm in the SCS Library. SCS parents are encouraged to attend.

Amy Brown for the PFG

Swasey Central School Report

The last day of school for students is **June 18th**. We thank the community for another great year. Our current kindergarten class will be graduating high school in 2030! Thank you to our fifth grade students and families as they move on to CMS. We wish them all well.

May 2 – Early Release - 1pm, Teacher In-Service.

May 7 – Brentwood School Board Meeting, SCS, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

May 15 – PFG Meeting, SCS Library, 6:30 - 7:30 pm.

May 28 – Memorial Day - No School.

Kindergarten would like to thank PFG for sponsoring enrichment activities for our students. The UNH Marine Docents will be teaching us about echinoderms in an upcoming presentation.

Grade 1 readers have been focusing on non-fiction. We have been working on forming and asking questions about non-fiction books and have been discussing non-fiction text features and how we can use them as tools to help us better understand a non-fiction text.

Grade 2 hosted the March Shindig where we sang "This Land is Your Land" with Mr. Kew and shared our patriotic knowledge with the school. We are eager to create models of our symbols and share these with our families during Patriotic Night on May 10th.

Thank you for helping to make the Spring Book Fair at Swasey such a success. Volunteers pitched in, students came prepared, and the selection of books this season was more varied than in autumn. We've added quite a few of the titles to our own collection for check out.

April and May bring showers, flowers, Earth Day and the Swasey Swinging Stars jump rope show! The show was amazing, students showing many different tricks, routines and this year, a jumper with skis on! Spring means getting back outside with students in the Courtyard and on the fields. Earth Day will be celebrated by cleaning and planting in the Courtyard.



Shayla Gerkin, with her parents Robert & Audry, accepting the 2018 Daughters of the American Revolution essay award from Linda Biagini, Regent of the Exeter Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Shayla's essay was focused on the effects of World War I on families in the US. We are all very proud of her.

Brentwood Recreation News

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Seniors: May's luncheon will be at 11:00 am on the 4th Wednesday (**May 23rd**) at the community center. This luncheon will be our last one until after summer. Cookout themed and our new Police Chief will be present to give advice to seniors and answer questions.

Adult Zumba: March 22nd - May 10th. Join us at the community center on Thursday nights from 7:30 - 8:30 pm for Adult Zumba! Zumba Classes feature exotic rhythms set to high-energy Latin and international beats. Before participants know it, they're getting fit and their energy levels are soaring! \$5/class or \$20/6 classes

Adult Pick-Up Pickleball: Wednesdays, March 7 - May 30th, 6:15 - 8:00 pm. Join us for this FREE program at Swasey Central School gymnasium. All equipment is provided and no experience is necessary. Pickleball is a low-impact sport that is a mix between tennis and badminton. Easy to learn and fun to play.

Adult Coed Softball: Registrations for Adult Coed Softball are now open. Deadline to register is **May 18th**. Captain's Meeting is **May 10th**, 6:30 pm at the town offices.

Family Outdoor Movie Night: Join us Saturday, **June 23rd** at the Brentwood Recreation Complex for a day full of games and activities, bounce houses, and food, followed by a movie under the stars! We will be showing the movie *Minions* on a giant inflatable movie screen, show starts at around 8:30 pm. Bring a blanket and/or chair. Snacks and refreshments will be available to purchase at our snack shack. Raffle prizes and 50/50. Kick off summer right at this annual event! We will start our Splash Pad Fundraiser, "Name on a Brick" campaign at this event as well!!

Brentwood Summer Camp: Resident and non-resident registrations are open for Brentwood Recreation Summer Camp. Camp operates Monday-Friday, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, **June 25th - August 10th**. Grades: Entering 1st-6th. Rates increase after June 1st! Visit the Recreation Office or our website for Parent Handbook.

Spring/Summer Programs: Our 2018 spring and summer programs are now open for registration! Visit our website or stop by the recreation office to register for our upcoming programs! *Watch for deadlines.

ONGOING RECREATION EVENTS/ACTIVITIES

Adult Yoga Class: Brentwood Community Center. Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 7:45 pm. Join Cheryl Rossman RYT500, to relax and rejuvenate. \$64/eight-week session or \$10/class. For more information: www.letsgetmovin.com.

Yoga Movement For Seniors: FREE - Brentwood Community Center. 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

Tang Soo Do Classes: Mondays and Fridays. Brentwood Community Center, 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Classes are taught by Retired Law Enforcement officer Bob Meegan. He is a 3rd degree Black Belt with the World Tang Soo Do Association.

David Tovey, Brentwood Recreation Director

The Story Corner

The Dudley family has for generations resided on Pickpocket Road. As early as 1684, Dudleys built garrison homes all along Pickpocket road up to the “Deer Hill Plain.” Dudley homes spread as far west as Crawley Falls and into Fremont, and south to South Road.

The Dudley name runs deep in the history of Brentwood. Nicholas and John Dudley were noted as Selectmen of Brentwood (Keeneborough) in 1748. Military service holds the name of many Dudleys. In 1724, Joseph Dudley, Enlisted, was recorded on *Brintwood* documents. Captain John Dudley served in the French and Indian War in 1756-1763. Davidson Dudley is noted on the roster of soldiers who fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill on June 17, 1775. Many Dudley sons served in the Revolutionary, Civil, and World Wars I and II.

Dudleys were Quakers and Congregationalists. In the 1600s, 600 acres of land in Brentwood, the section later called the Parish of Keeneborough, were granted to Rev. Samuel Dudley, the first settled Congregational minister in Exeter. In the late 1700s, Nicholas Dudley was listed as a Brentwood Congregationalist minister and Micajah Dudley a Quaker minister.

Dudleys were present as representatives to the Provincial Congress in Exeter in 1775 to help elect NH delegates to the Second Continental Congress, the body that would ultimately adopt the Declaration of Independence.

They were millers, farmers, businessmen, lawyers, judges and politicians. Dudleys served our town as selectmen, road agents, surveyors, and engineers. In 1869, Arthur Dudley was School Superintendent and later served as the first Keeneborough Grange Master in 1892.

They are the namesakes of Dudley Brook and the landmark known around town as Dudley's Dip – the roller coaster dive down one side then up the other on Pickpocket Road. The following story was shared with the *Brentwood Newsletter* by the current John W. Dudley of Pickpocket Road.

Dudley's Deadly Dip

A section of Pickpocket Road was once referred to as Dudley's Deadly Dip. This section was located proximally $\frac{3}{4}$ mile off 111A heading south – a narrow wooden bridge with wooden guard rails over Dudley Brook, a little over one car wide. Pickpocket Road was much narrower than today and each side was met by steep hills leading to the bridge in both directions. That was the dip that caused many to have some scary moments descending to the bridge. Winter times were a challenge.

As a boy I fished the brook underneath. You could see the bridge flex when a dump truck went over it; there was no steel, it was all wood. In 1961 it was determined the bridge was failing. I remember the bridge replacement project as a young boy.

Here are some interesting facts on this major project in our small town.

1961 Town Meeting

ARTICLE 6: To see if the town wishes to rebuild the bridge at John Dudley's.

Plan 1. Build a new bridge with state aid – Cost \$30,000.00, Town's share \$18,000.00.

Plan 2. Rebuild with culvert by town – Cost \$12,000.00.

ARTICLE 7: If voted to construct bridge, to see if the town will vote to borrow the needed money by an issue of long term notes.

ARTICLE 6. Voted that the town rebuild the bridge at John Dudley's on the Pickpocket Road with the culvert, at the cost of \$12,000.00.

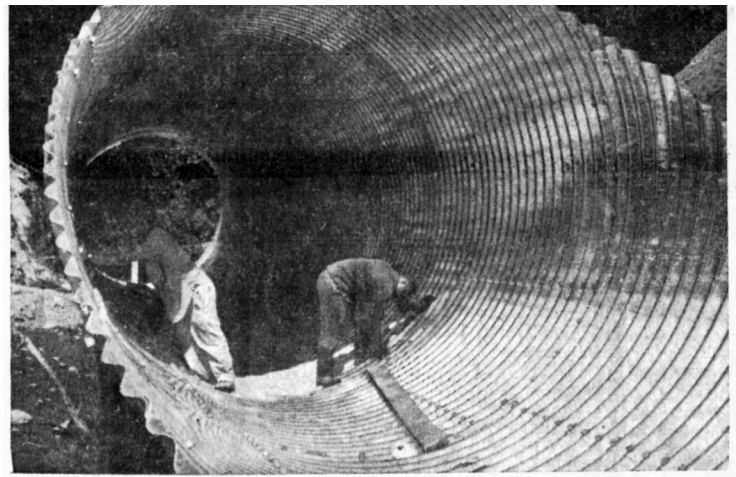
Here is a cost breakdown of the project taken from the Town Report, Highway Dept., 1962.

Dudley Bridge Project		
Hubert Wendell	Truck, Loader, Backhoe	1,664.40
Laurence Lyford	Power Saw	81.00
Newfield Construction	Dozer and Loader	3,362.00
John Wentworth, Jr.	Truck	110.30
Edward Cahill, Jr.	Truck	600.94
John Fuller	Truck	242.30
S.E. LaPerle	Crane	216.00
Russell Simpson	Grader	100.00
Russell Thorsell	Labor	236.35
Charles Thorsell, Jr.	Labor	181.25
Robert McGonagle	Labor	69.60
Hermen Keniston	Labor	210.90
Ronald Nudd	Labor	8.70
Paul Turgeon	Labor	5.80
Frank Bronk, Jr.	Labor	59.45
Walter Cronshaw	Labor	59.45
Leslie Dorr	Sand	5.50
Exeter Lumber Co.	Cement	17.98
Rental Construction	Lights	33.00
Russell Thorsell	Loam	12.00
Hubert Wendell	Grass Seed	7.50
New England Culvert	Culvert	4,527.60
New England Culvert	Culvert	165.76
Trimount	Bituminous	247.94
Russell Thorsell	Gravel	4.00
Mary Dudley	Gravel	2.00
		\$12,231.72
<i>(Note the cost overrun of \$231.72)</i>		

This was done with all local men and contractors. No traffic survey or engineering studies and fees in those days. Just do it! I spent many hours riding in Red Wendell and Johnny Fuller's dump trucks and was there every day. Pickpocket Road was closed at our house at the top of the hill down to Dogtown Road at the other end. Notice the cost of materials. Not a lot was spent on fill. Both hills on each side were cut down and used to bring the road to grade with the new 12-foot culvert and straightening the approaches. The Deadly Dip was eliminated, so to say. Now today it is a main thoroughfare!

I wanted to share this with my fellow Brentwood residents.

John W. Dudley, Pickpocket Road



Note that this newspaper clipping erroneously cites the work location as being on Route 111A, when in fact it is on Pickpocket Road.

Shown above is the 11-foot diameter copper-steel culvert on Route 111-A which is replacing the old bridge known as "Dudley's Deadly Dip." The project, costing some \$12,000, is a saving of several thousand dollars with the town of Brentwood highway department making necessary repairs. Shown above, left to right, are Hubert "Red" Wendell, Brentwood highway agent, and Walter T. Cronshaw tightening bolts in more than 1000 fasteners on the culvert.

May Gardening Tips For All Homeowners

If you haven't done it yet, clean out your planting beds to allow the spring flowering bulbs a chance to show their faces. When the spring flowers die back, plan to plant either annuals or perennials in those spots while they're still showing. If you plan and plant now, you'll know exactly where the spring bulbs are, so you can plant amongst the bulbs without disturbing them.

The pansy and the viola are great choices for May planting. Even in May, the unpredictable New England weather produces bursts of 80+ degree days and sometimes 25-degree nights. Occasionally even a snow flurry drops a healthy coating of snow on spring gardens. These hardy plants can take the cold and heat extremes better than most. They tend to die back in the summer, but often come back in full force in the fall. Add this to the fact that they are available at virtually any garden center and you've got a real winner for your spring garden in May and June.

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Brentwood Newsletter Calendar of Events

May 1	Board of Selectmen Meeting , Full meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm
May 3	Cemetery Trustees Meeting , Town Office, 5:00 pm
May 3	Planning Board Meeting , Town Office, 7:00 pm
May 6	Pilgrim United Church of Christ , Installation Service, 3:00 pm
May 7	Brentwood Democratic Committee Meeting , 52 Stevens Drive, 7:00 pm
May 7	Brentwood School Board Meeting , SCS, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
May 8	Board of Selectmen Meeting , Administrative meeting, Town Office, 4:00 pm
May 9	Conservation Commission Meeting , Town Office, 7:00 pm
May 10	Mother's Day Gift/Card Combo Crafting , Mary E. Bartlett Library, 4:00 - 7:00 pm
May 12	Fourth Annual Officer Stephen Arkell Community 5K , SCS, 335 Middle Road, 10:00 am
May 14	Friends of the Library Meeting , Mary E. Bartlett Library, 6:30 pm
May 15	Deadline to submit items for June BNL (brentwoodnews2018@gmail.com)
May 15	Board of Selectmen Meeting , Full meeting, Town Office, 6:00 pm
May 15	Swasey PFG Meeting , Swasey Central School Library, 6:30 pm
May 15	Brentwood Gardeners Meeting , Check in for time & place
May 16	Town Clerk's Office Closed for Town Clerk Workshop
May 17	Planning Board Meeting , Town Office, 7:00 pm
May 19	The Friends of the Library & Brentwood Gardeners Annual Bake, Book & Plant Sale , 9:00 am - noon
May 19	Baptist Church Spring Craft Fair , 201 North Road, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
May 19	Austin17House Car Show , 263 Rt. 125, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
May 21	Library Board of Trustees Meeting , Mary E. Bartlett Library, 6:00 pm
May 22	Board of Selectmen Meeting , Administrative meeting, Town Office, 4:00 pm
May 22	Recreation Commission Meeting , Town Office, 6:00 pm
May 23	Seniors Luncheon , Brentwood Recreation Center, 11:00 am
May 28	Memorial Day Celebration , Tonry Cemetery, 8:00 am
May 28	Town Office Closed for Memorial Day
May 29	Board of Selectmen Meeting , Administrative meeting, Town Office, 4:00 pm

ONGOING FREE EVENTS

Mary E. Bartlett Library

Knitters Group meets every Tues. from 1-3 pm
& Thurs at 7 pm

Brentwood Bookers Discussion Group meets on
the last Monday night of each month at 7 pm (Apr 30th)

Brentwood Community Center

Yoga Movement for Seniors, Free
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 10:00 am
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 9:00 am

Adult Pickleball,
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
SCS Gym, 6:15 - 8:00 pm

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